

THE HORSE WHO WHISTLED

Willie was an old horse. He lived on the Tucker Farm [yes/ do/ in] Case County. He had seen many [drink/ things/ spoon] in his life as a horse. [He/ Get/ Hit] knew many animals, too. All the animals [there/ grits/ knew] Willie. He was special. Willie could whistle! Willie [sister/ could/ store] not remember when he learned to whistle. [Hop/ In/ He] was a young colt, he guessed. [You/ Top/ One] day he was in a field. [It/ Be/ Do] was spring. The smell of fresh [house/ grass/ neat] was in the air. Butterflies were dancing [pig/ how/ on] the tops of flowers. Then one [bread/ landed/ juice] on the nose of Willie. He sniffed. [Got/ Wet/ He] snorted. He swished his tail. Nothing [summer/ little/ worked]. The butterfly stayed on the tip [of/ far/ put] his nose. Then Willie whistled. He [was/ low/ hit] not sure how, but he whistled! [Done/ Car/ The] butterfly flew away.

Willie learned to [dog/ use/ now] the whistle. He told Mr. Tucker [when/ call/ open] he was hungry. He told him [lap/ baby/ when] he was sick. All Willie had [to/ we/ on] do was whistle. Mr. Tucker would [sleep/ come/ mean] to the barn. He would check [be/ rat/ to] see what Willie wanted. One night [the/ not/ use] barn caught on fire. It started [do/ in/ hop] a haystack. The hay had some [water/ late/ nose] in it. It got steamy. Then [die/ set/ the] hay began to burn. It burned [table/ slowly/ green]. The barn was soon filled with [deep/ smoke/ from]. All of the animals were in [stalls/ flower/

funny]. They could not get out. They [began/ tells/ down] to beat the sides of their [grabs/ bears/ stalls]. Flames spread. Mr. Tucker was asleep. [Put/ Cap/ Who] would save them?

Then Willie began [to/ hop/ me] whistle. It was very loud and [grow/ just/ long]. Willie did not stop until Mr. Tucker [same/ woke/ this] up. He knew there was something [tells/ were/ wrong]. He raced to the barn. He [was/ door/ then] just in time. The barn was blazing! [Top/ He/ Use] opened the stall doors. One by [yell/ blue/ one] the animals ran out. The air outside [mat/ bath/ was/] clear. They each took deep breaths. Mr. Tucker [in/ put/ do] out the fire with a hose.

[Then/ Free/ Was] they all thanked Willie. He was [his/ not/ tip] only the horse who whistled; he [yes/ hand/ was] the hero of Case County!